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SUBJECT: ESTATES: DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS

1. USLO HAS OBTAINED FROM BRITISH EMBASSY PROCEDURES NORMALLY FOLLOWED IN SHIPPING ESTATES OUT OF PRC.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE PROCEDURES, USLO WILL SUBMIT INVENTORY OF STELLE EFFECTS TO MFA'S CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT. UPON RECEIPT MFA AUTHORIZATION (USUALLY AFTER 2-4 MONTHS, ACCORDING TO BRITISH), USLO PLANS TO OBTAIN TRUST FUND DEPOSIT FROM STELLE'S WIDOW AND SHIP ESTATE TO HER.

3. BRITISH MENTIONED THAT MFA MAY ASK TO INSPECT ESTATE AND SOMETIMES FORBIDS EXPORT OF ITEMS CONSIDERED TO BE OF HISTORICAL OR CULTURAL VALUE. MFA DOES NOT, HOWEVER, REQUIRE SUCH ITEMS TO BE RETURNED TO CHINESE CUSTODY, AND BRITISH ARE STORING AN ACCUMULATION OF NON-EXPORTABLE ITEMS RANGING FROM HANGCHOW RACE COURSE DEBENTURES TO ANTIQUE SCROLLS. STELLE'S ESTATE CONSIST ENTIRELY OF PERSONAL PAPERS AND BOOKS, SOME OF SCHOLARLY VALUE. USLO PLANS TO ASK WIDOW TO TURN OVER TO USLO REFERENCE LIBRARY ANY MATERIAL DECLARED NON-EXPORTABLE.
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